



Madrid, 9 January 2020

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 148/ 2020

SUBJECT: MEETING OF WG on BFT CONTROL AND TRACEABILITY AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 2 (Madrid, 2-6 March 2020)

In accordance with the decision of the Commission at its 26th Regular Meeting, I confirm that the Working Group on Bluefin Tuna Control And Traceability Measures and the intersessional meeting of Panel 2 will be held at the offices of the ICCAT Secretariat, 2-6 March 2020, in Madrid. Although agreed that each meeting would be allocated 2.5 days, following consultation with the Panel 2 Chair it has been agreed that the Working Group will be allocated 3 days (2-4 March) and the Panel 2 meeting 2 days (5-6 March).

The tentative agenda for Panel 2 is attached; the agenda for the Working Group on Bluefin Tuna Control and Traceability Measures will be circulated as soon as possible. The registration form has been published on the current meetings page of the ICCAT website. Participants are requested to make their reservations directly with the hotel of their choice. For hotel information, please click here.

Participants wishing to request financial assistance from the Meeting Participation Fund should make their requests in accordance with the protocol and rules of procedure before **16 January 2020**.

In order to have an estimation of the number of participants in advance, I should also appreciate your sending to the Secretariat in advance, if possible, by **18 February 2020**, a list of delegates from your CPC who will participate.

CPCs which are required to submit fishing, inspection, capacity and farming plans pursuant to Rec. 18-02¹ are reminded to do so, using the revised format attached to ICCAT Circular 0095/2020, by **15 February 2020**. In order to facilitate the endorsement of these plans, CPCs are requested to ensure that the information submitted is as complete as possible and that the plans contain all the information required by Rec. 18-02 (19-04)

CPCs wishing to submit other documents for these meeting are requested to do so as early as possible in order to be able to make the documents available in three languages before the start of these meetings.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.


Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Tentative Agendas.

¹ To be replaced by Rec. 19-04, not yet in force.

INTERSESSIONAL MEETING FOR PANEL 2

(5-6 March 2020)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
4. Consideration of fishing, capacity, inspection and farming plans for 2020 presented by CPCs
5. Determination of actions to be taken with respect to the plans under item 4
6. Consideration of potential non-compliance issues for ROP
7. Determination of responses to the ROP consortium regarding clarification of provisions of Rec. 19-04
8. Review of conversion factors for farmed bluefin tuna
9. Review of the outcomes from the Technical Working Group on bluefin tuna control and traceability measures
10. Other matters
 - 10.1 Consideration of a draft protocol for Northern Albacore Exceptional Circumstances
11. Adoption of report and adjournment